

Amendment No. 2 to HB1164

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1143

House Bill No. 1164*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. There is created a special task force to study issues relative to lupus. The special task force shall:

- (1) Review existing data, reports, and quality of life outcomes from local, state, and national agencies for individuals with lupus;
- (2) Assess the current and future impact of lupus on the residents of this state;
- (3) Assess the availability of programs and services currently provided for early screening, diagnosis, and treatment of lupus;
- (4) Assess the effectiveness of programs and services offered and provided to individuals with lupus and their families, including scientifically validated interventions that have demonstrated clinical efficacy;
- (5) Assess the qualifications, training, and supervision of providers screening, diagnosing, and treating lupus, and whether there are adequate provider networks for providers who treat lupus;
- (6) Assess the availability of health care insurance coverage for lupus under various insurance models; and
- (7) Develop recommendations:
 - (A) To improve health care insurance coverage, screening, diagnosis, and treatment of lupus; and

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(B) To improve cooperation between state government agencies and nongovernmental organizations and other advocacy groups in order to guide effective public policy regarding screening, diagnosis, and treatment of lupus.

SECTION 2. The special task force shall consist of the following members:

- (1) The commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee;
- (2) The commissioner of labor and workforce development or the commissioner's designee;
- (3) The commissioner of commerce and insurance or the commissioner's designee;
- (4) The chancellor of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center or the chancellor's designee;
- (5) The director of TennCare or the director's designee; and
- (6) Three (3) representatives from advocacy groups for patients living with lupus, to be appointed by the governor, one (1) of whom shall reside in each grand division of the state. One (1) of these representatives shall represent an advocacy group dedicated to reducing racial and ethnic disparities related to lupus.

SECTION 3.

(a) The special task force shall be attached to the department of health for administrative purposes, and all costs of the special task force shall be borne by the department within the existing resources of the department.

(b) The special task force members shall receive no compensation for their services on the special task force.

SECTION 4. All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special task force upon request of the chair.

SECTION 5.

(a) The special task force shall be convened by the commissioner of health, and at its first meeting shall elect a chair, vice chair, and other officers the committee deems necessary.

(b) The special task force is authorized to conduct meetings and other business via video, telecommunications, or other electronic means of communication.

SECTION 6. The special task force shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the chair of the health committee of the house of representatives and the chair of the senate health and welfare committee no later than February 1, 2017, at which time the committee shall cease to exist.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.